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Letter dated 27 November 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine as at 27 November 2017 regarding the Moscow City Court's decision concerning a Ukrainian citizen, Roman Sushchenko, illegally detained in Russia (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine regarding the Moscow City Court's decision concerning a Ukrainian citizen, Roman Sushchenko, illegally detained in Russia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its absolute protest regarding the Moscow City Court's ruling as at 27 November 2017 to extend the custodial term of Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia under fabricated charges, for another two-month term until 30 January 2018.

The Court once again rejected the defence's request to change Roman Sushchenko's precautionary measure to non-custodial detention, which proves the continued pressure and prejudication of Russian judicial organs.

The purposeful political character of the case against Roman Sushchenko was confirmed by the closed judgment session, as well as the denial of access of a consular officer to participate in the session as a public defender in accordance with the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation.

Ukraine calls upon the international community, international human rights institutions and the Representative on Freedom of Media of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to take all appropriate legal and political actions to release and return Ukrainian citizen and journalist Roman Sushchenko to Ukraine.